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Don Cannon Show WBBM

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DISCUSSES GUNS & SNIPERS IN RIOTS

(DON CANNON'S GUEST WAS DICK GREGORY)

GREGORY: "You see, we keep talkin' about when these riots break out people was killed by sniper fire. Man, these people was killed by the police and the National Guard. If you send them in, they went in to kill people, why do we have to lie about it? And the proof to it is, how do snipers only be able to kill Negroes and can't kill the police? How do you shoot that bad when you're shooting at only one man?"

CANNON: "Well, I think some policemen have been killed, but I want to get back to..."

GREGORY: "No, no, what I'm saying is this here, that every -- when -- when we get the complete total of fifty people killed, 48 of them was killed by sniper fire, and all I'm saying to America, is understand if a sniper is shootin' this good, he would be gettin' more cops."

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GREGORY: "I've always wondered why the Negroes in the Civil Rights movement kept on talking about Negroes being non-violent, like we had an exclusive on it. Why should have been telling white folks to be non-violent, too, because white folks felt like they was cut out. Now, white folks say, 'Did you write a letter in to the National Rifle Club that came out with that newsletter' -- or -- did you hear about it? Telling white folks to arm themselves? And this hurt me for one reason, because millions of white folks all over this country are buying guns now, putting them in their homes, telling their wives 'We're getting these guns for these Negroes.' And what they fail to realize, this cat been comin' hom for twenty years, every Friday, after payin' poker with the boys, drunk, whipping his wife. But, he got a gun in the house now, and the gun don't say 'Niggers only,' and in six months time the white homicide rate's gonna go up so high because you -- and I don't know why Hoover didn't do a report on this.

"They know how many guns being sold. Man, you got over ten million guns sold in this country in the last five months. And white folks is buying them 'cause they scared. But what about if you was a white man and you brought a gun to your house, showing it to your son, how to use it, and one day your son wreck the car, or get him some LSD, and you walk in the house, slap him, and hetget that gun that you told him to protect himself with from the Negroes and blow your brains out. This is a concern to me. But long as Speck is a white boy and he can jump up and kill eight white women, then have a riot in jail and they call it a 'breakfast tantrum' -- are you out yo' mind?"